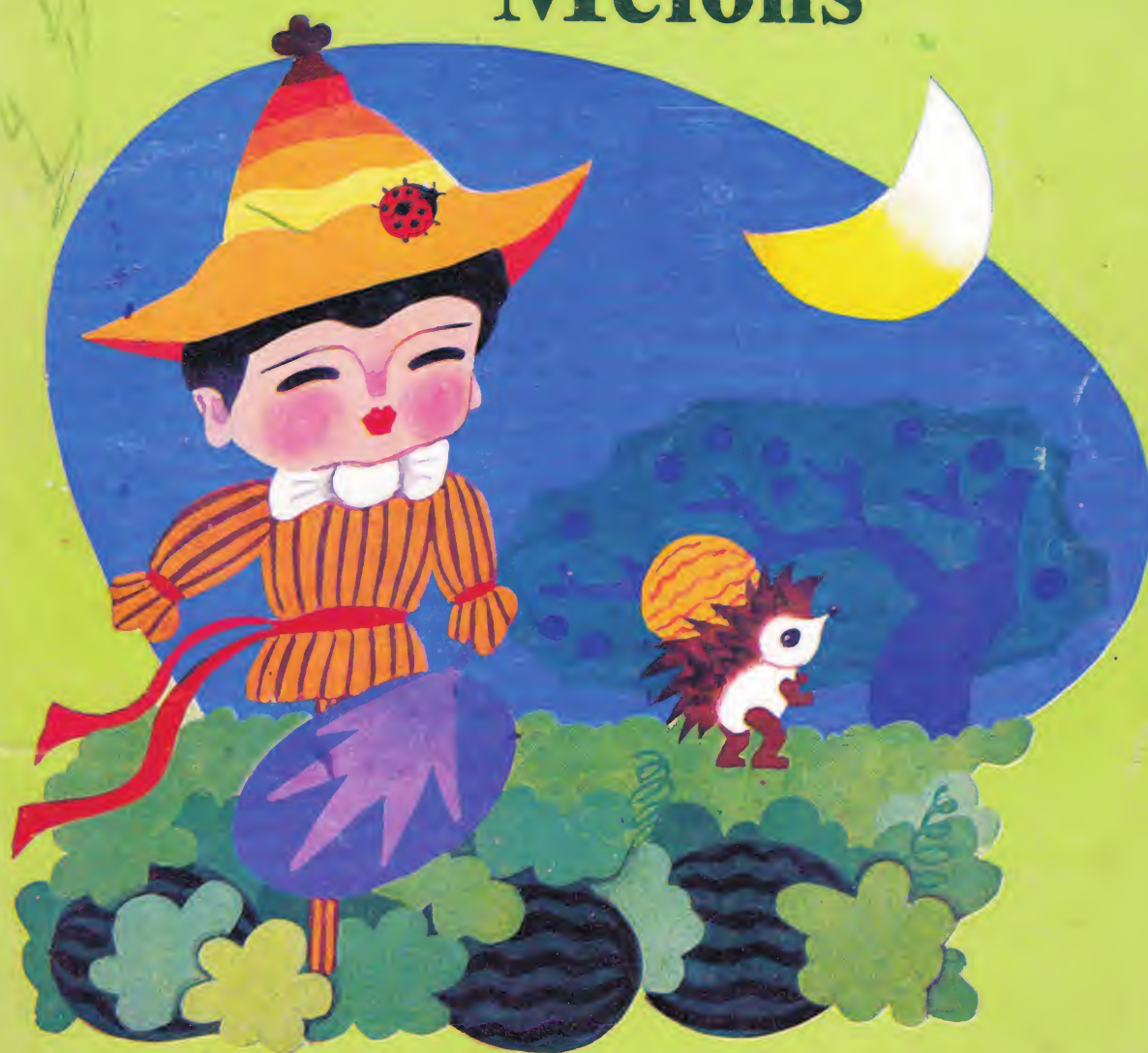




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With a hat on his head and a fan in his hand, a scarecrow is standing in the melon field.



When there is a breeze blowing,  
the scarecrow drives sparrows  
away with his fan.

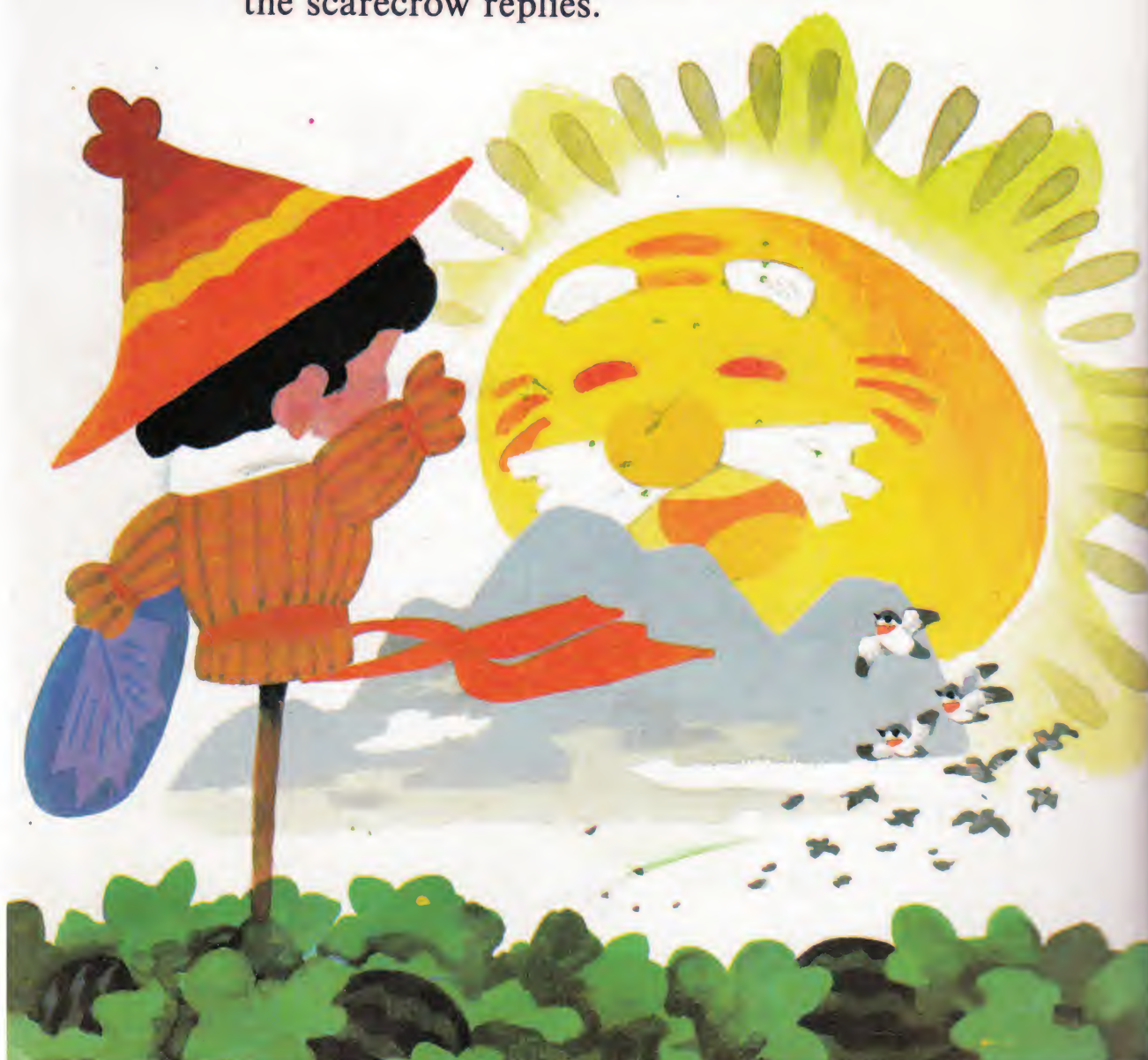




A rabbit comes stealthily, trying to eat the melons. But she is scared away when the scarecrow keeps waving his fan.



The grandfather sun is setting. He asks the scarecrow, "Why don't you go back home?" "I am guarding the melon field," the scarecrow replies.





The grandmother  
moon comes out. She  
asks the scarecrow,  
“Why don’t you  
sleep?” “I am watch-  
ing over the melons,”  
he replies.





Fireflies fly over to the scarecrow and  
say: "Brother, let's play games together."  
The scarecrow waves his hand.



Soon a toad jumps up to the scarecrow and says, "Brother, let's catch bugs." The scarecrow waves his hand again.





Under the moonlight, a hedgehog sneaks  
out of his cave to steal a melon.



Hearing the sound, the scarecrow hurriedly raises his fan and waves it, making the sound *whoosh, whoosh* ...





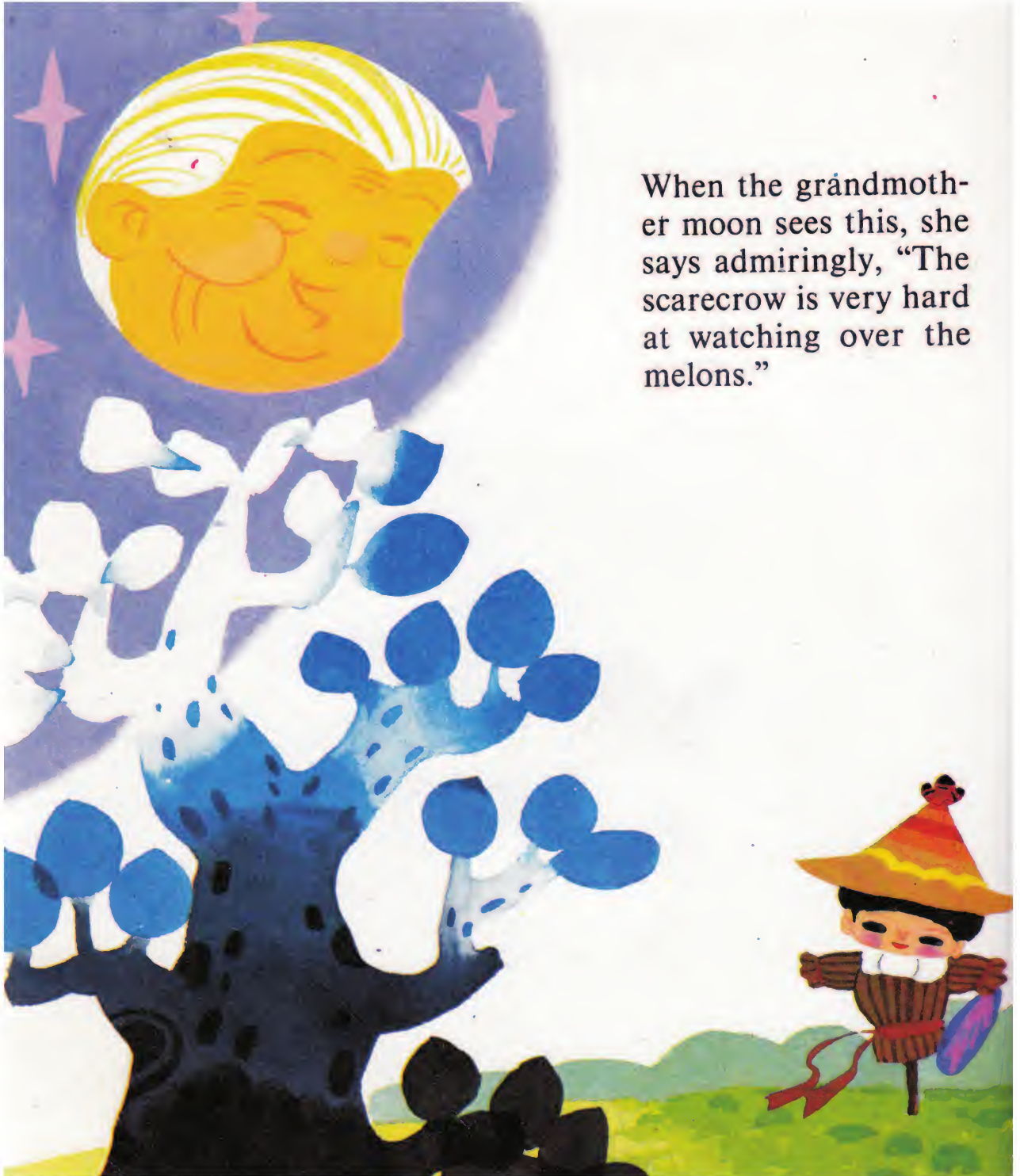
The hedgehog looks up and sees a person wearing a straw hat. He is frightened.



The scarecrow waves his fan harder. The hedgehog trembles with fear. The melon falls to the ground. He runs away from the melon field.







When the grandmother moon sees this, she says admiringly, "The scarecrow is very hard at watching over the melons."

Tired, the scarecrow drops his fan onto the ground and falls into a sound sleep.





In the morning, the sun is out and the scarecrow wakes up at cockcrow.



An old man who owns the melons comes to the field. He picks up the fan and puts it into the scarecrow's hand again.





The wind blows gently and the scarecrow waves the fan, making the sound *whoosh*,  
*whoosh* ...



The scarecrow is singing songs happily.





The old man praises the scarecrow. "You are very good at guarding melons. Since you have been here not one melon has been lost."





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